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TAGS: PHEL, AF, CH, PH, UR

SUBJECT: PAK MFA SPOKESMAN SIGNALS READINESS FOR

- TALKS WITH USSR ON AFGHANISTAN, LAOS

- SAARC AND ECO; CHINA TO HELP BUILD

- ELECTRICAL COMPLEX

1. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 25 PAKISTAN'S MFA SPOKESMAN
(I.E., FOREIGN SECRETARY), ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS
IN THE GOP-OWNED "PAKISTAN TIMES" OF JUNE 26, 1987,
SIGNALLED PAKISTAN'S READINESS FOR TALKS WITH THE USSR
ON AFGHANISTAN AND LAUDED SAARC AGREEMENT ON A
DEFINITION OF TERRORISM AND ECO'S EFFORTS TO EXPAND
TRADE BETWEEN PAKISTAN, IRAN AND TURKEY. CHINA IS TO
HELP BUILD AN ELECTRICAL COMPLEX. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AFGHANISTAN THE SPOKESMAN:

-- SAID THAT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE NEXT ROUND
OF UN-SPONSORED GENEVA "PROXIMITY" TALKS BETWEEN
KABUL AND ISLAMABAD, BUT THE GOP WAS READY TO "EXTEND
FULLEST COOPERATION" FOR THEIR RESUMPTION AT ANY TIME..

-- STATED THAT PAKISTAN IS ALSO PREPARED TO PURSUE
THE DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIET UNION

-- SPECIFIED THAT GENEVA WAS ITSELF SOLELY CONCERNED
WITH THE TIMEFRAME FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET
FORCES BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT OTHER ISSUES ALSO
REQUIRED CONSIDERATION OUTSIDE OF GENEVA, SUCH AS
RECONCILIATION OF VARIOUS GROUPS AND THE INSTALLATION
OF RECONCILIATION OR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

3. LAUDING THE DEFINITION OF TERRORISM REACHED BY
CONSENSUS AT THE THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS OF THE SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL
COOPERATION (SAARC), THE SPOKESMAN:

-- NOTED THAT MODALITIES WOULD BE WORKED OUT LATER AT
STATE, BILATERAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS.

-- STATED THAT ALL SEVEN SAARC MEMBERS HAD AGREED TO
DRAFT A CONVENTION ENABLING THEM TO COOPERATE TO
DETER SUCH CRIMES AND THAT A PANEL OF LEGAL EXPERTS
WOULD PREPARE A DRAFT TEXT FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE

NEXT SAARC SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR KATHMANDU DURING THE
FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER.

4. PRAISING THE STEPS TAKEN TO PROMOTE
INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE
HIGH COUNCIL OF THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION
(ECO) HELD IN TERNAN BETWEEN PAKISTAN, IRAN AND
TURKEY, THE SPOKESMAN:

-- SAID A TIME-BOUND PROGRAM OF TARIFF PREFERENCES
WAS AGREED TO BE INITIATED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR ON
AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS.

-- STATED THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE FINALIZED AT A
MEETING OF COMMERCE MINISTERS OF ECO NEXT MONTH.

-- ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE QUANTITY OF TRADE AT THE
INITIAL STAGES UNDER THE SYSTEM HAD NOT YET BEEN
DETERMINED.

-- NOTED THAT PAKISTAN AND TURKEY HAD RECENTLY
FLOATED A CREDIT OF \$0 MILLION DOLLARS TO PROMOTE
THEIR TRADE.

5. THE PLAN FOR SETTING UP A HEAVY ELECTRICAL
COMPLEX (FIRST AGREED AT PAK-CHINA JOINT COMMISSION
LAST YEAR) IS MOVING TO FINAL COMPLETION. ALSO UNDER
REVIEW IS THE IDEA TO EXTEND AND UPGRADE THE HEAVY
MECHANICAL COMPLEX (AT TAXILA) ALREADY IN OPERATION.

6. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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